Storm Water Pollution Prevention Business Process Reengineering Study

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Department's Business Process Reengineering (BPR) Study presents eight recommendations to enhance the efficiency of department operations, including infrastructure planning, code enforcement, cross-departmental coordination, and other administrative activities. We believe that each of the BPR recommendations reflect prudent managerial efforts, and we support the Storm Water Pollution Prevention BPR study.

In particular, we applaud the Mayor and the Storm Water Department for recommending the creation of a permanent public/stakeholder advisory committee to examine, among other things, options to secure a dedicated funding source for Storm Water Permit compliance. As the IBA has long advocated, identifying a dedicated funding source is a critical step in ensuring long-term Permit compliance, as well as for providing increased financial security for the General Fund.

The BPR recommendation is to create a permanent public/stakeholder advisory committee by establishing a subcommittee to the Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC), which was created in 2007 as an advisory body and to provide oversight of the City's public utilities, including Water and Sewer. Municipal Code provisions do not currently charge the IROC with examining Storm Water issues, and should this BPR recommendation be approved, it is likely that the Municipal Code will need to be amended to include Storm Water issues as part of the IROC's oversight and advisory duties. We recommend that the City Attorney's Office work with both the

Storm Water Department and the IROC to develop appropriate language and bring forward the necessary amendments to the Municipal Code.

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